

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, Applicants propose correcting FIG. 5 by changing reference numeral 84 to reference numeral 86, and changing the hook surface to a loop surface, as shown on the annotated sheet. Support for this change can be found in paragraph no. [027] of Applicants' specification ("loop surface 86 faces away from base 82"), and in the informal drawings sheets originally filed with the present application which correctly labeled the surface with reference character 86. No new matter has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Drawings Sheet (FIG. 5)
 Annotated Sheet showing changes in red ink to FIG. 5

REMARKS

The pending Office Action addresses claims 1-18, rejecting all claims. Applicants note that the present application contains claims 1-20, although no acknowledgment or examination of claims 19 and 20 were indicated by the Examiner's Office Action of May 5, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 19 and 20 in the next communication.

By this response, Applicants amend claims 1, 6, 7, 15, 16, and 19. Claims 5 and 14 are hereby canceled. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 19 are amended to incorporate substantially the limitations of dependent claim 5, now canceled. Claim 14 contained subject matter similar to claim 5 and is therefore canceled. Claims 6, 7, 15, and 16 are amended to change their dependencies to a pending claim, and further claims 7 and 16 are amended to recite that hook material on the first or second end secures the transducer by attaching to loop material on the other end. Support for these limitations can be found throughout the specification, and in particular, at page 7, paragraph no. [024]. Accordingly, no new matter is added by this amendment.

In view of the amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending application.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 7, 9, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph, for claiming subject matter which is not enabled by the specification. In particular, claims 7, 9, 16, and 18 claim first and second ends which are secured together by hook material.

By this response, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 16 to recite that hook material on the first or second end secures the transducer by attaching to loop material on the other end. These amendments clarify the claim language and address the rejection on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, the Examiner is kindly asked to reconsider and withdraw her rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 in view of the amendments.

The Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,843,399 to Garcia. Applicants respectfully disagree, and request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner cites Garcia, a patent directed to a belt caddy for carrying paintball containers, against claims which are directed to a transducer holder having one or more fasteners for securing one or more transducers to a base, and a strap for securing the base to the patient. In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to recite in particular that each fastener includes first and second ends constructed and arranged to thread through an opening in a transducer assembly to secure a transducer. The belt caddy (1) of Garcia fails to disclose or suggest these limitations.

The fasteners (26 and 27) of Garcia referenced by the Examiner are not constructed and arranged to thread through any opening, let alone an opening in a transducer assembly. In fact, the fasteners of Garcia are constructed to hold a number

of paintball containers for accommodating 120 to 125 paintballs, and are clearly several times too large to thread through a transducer assembly opening.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 19, as amended, patentably distinguish over Garcia, and that the rejection under section 102 should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

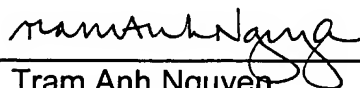
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

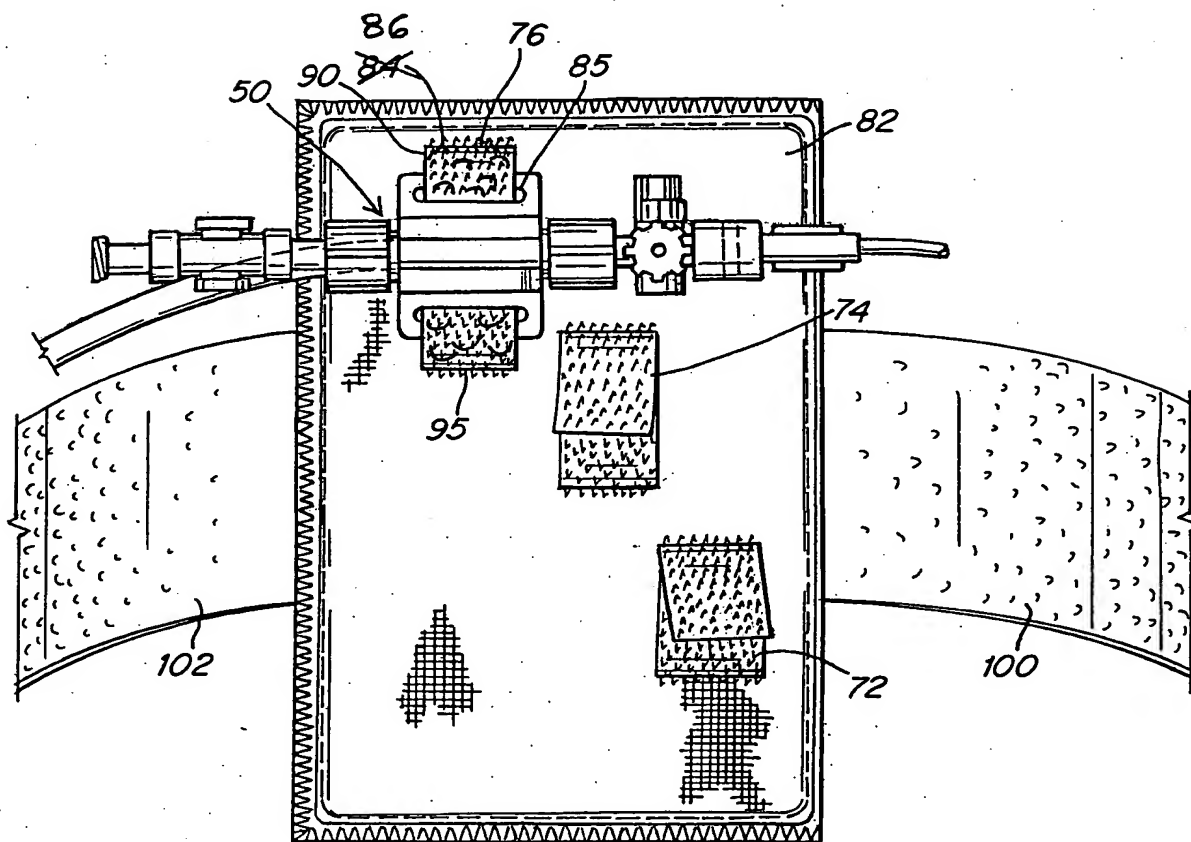


Fig. 5